



DIGITAL MATCH PROGRAMME



# Kent Spitfires vs Middlesex

Friday 23 June

Match starts at 18:30

VITALITY BLAST

The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence, Canterbury



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# WALKS' WELCOME

By Matt Walker  
Men's Head Coach

Good evening everyone & welcome back to The Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence - a warm welcome too to the players, staff & supporters of Middlesex.

We head into this evening's match in a good run of form that began with a home win over Hampshire Hawks & then some important victories on the road. Our win over the Sussex Sharks particularly was exactly to the standard that we all expect of ourselves - a good innings with the ball to limit our opponents' ability to score, alongside taking wickets at the right time, was then backed up with the bat under pressure.

Momentum is key in T20 cricket & if we hope to grab a top four spot in this South Group & qualify for the Quarter Finals, we all need to continue to rally together & make sure that we put ourselves in the best position we can be.

Your support has been key in us getting to where we are now - let's get the results we need together.

Enjoy the match,

Walks



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## SUSSEX SHARKS VS. KENT SPITFIRES



**Kent Spitfires travelled to the south coast to take on Sussex Sharks in the Vitality Blast at the 1st Central County Ground, Hove.**

Jordan Cox led Kent Spitfires to their fourth Vitality Blast win in a row as they beat Sussex Sharks by six wickets at the 1st Central County Ground in Hove.

Cox hit an unbeaten 82 off just 44 deliveries, with six fours and five sixes. And he was well supported at the end by Jack Leaning, who made an unbeaten 28 from 26 balls. The Spitfires needed 12 runs from the final two overs but Cox saw his side home

with eight balls to spare when he hit the otherwise impressive Ari Karvelas to leg for successive sixes.

Both the Sharks and the Spitfires had to win this match to sustain their ambitions in the Vitality Blast and both sides had shown some encouraging form in recent weeks after generally disappointing campaigns.

The Spitfires, chasing 170, got off to a good start with 25 from the first two overs but then Karvelas came on to bowl the third, bowling Tawanda Muyeye with his first delivery and then having Joe Denly caught behind with his fourth ball.

When Tymal Mills came on to bowl the fourth over he had the Spitfires captain Sam Billings caught behind for just two and suddenly Kent were on the back foot at 28 for three.

But Cox put the Spitfires on top once more with a fourth wicket stand of 70 in seven overs with Daniel Bell-Drummond (38). The pair looked in total control before, in the 11th over, Bell-Drummond attempted to work Ravi Bopara to fine leg and got a top edge.

Cox, though, carried on, reaching his half-century from 31 balls with five fours and a six. He then celebrated the landmark by hoisting Brad Currie over square-leg for six, before reverse scooping George Garton over third man for another maximum before his final flurry of strokeplay against Karvelas.

The Sharks had been guided to a total of 169 for seven by their captain, Bopara, who hit a typically fluent 53 from 39 deliveries, with four fours and two sixes. They must have hoped for more after reaching the end of the 15th with a score of 133 for three.

But they were frustrated at the end of their innings by some fine death bowling from Michael Hogan and Wes Agar, who had come into the side for Kane Richardson, who had a side strain.

Harrison Ward had got the Sharks off to a fine start, crashing 44 runs from the first five overs. But from the last ball of the fifth over the in-form Harrison Ward, who is often overlooked for these matches, was caught on the square-leg boundary off Hogan for a 21-ball 32.

Tom Clark again made a good start without progressing, and Ollie Carter looked in the mood after lifting Grant Stewart onto the pavilion roof for six. When he was out, well caught by Cox at extra cover, the best chance of a big total rested with the experienced pair of Bopara and Tom Alsop. They added 43 in four overs but then Alsop was caught at long-on by Bell-Drummond off Fred Klaassen and even Bopara was unable to give the innings a gloss finish against some tight bowling and fielding from the Spitfires.





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# KENT CRICKET LAUNCHES KENTCRICKETPLAY

Kent Cricket is excited to announce the launch of a brand-new streaming service, [KentCricketPlay](#), for all untelevised Kent Spitfires home T20 matches in 2023.

The launch of KentCricketPlay to host this season's T20 fixtures digitally is the first phase in the creation of a dedicated broadcast platform which will offer improved coverage, exclusive content and matchday features.

In this first phase, KentCricketPlay will offer high-quality streaming with multiple camera angles, all hosted by former Kent Cricket captain Dave Fulton alongside some special guest co-commentators. In time, more exclusive content will be released on the new platform.

[By signing up to an account on the new platform](#), all fans - Members and non-Members - will be able to watch all non-televised home Kent Spitfires' T20 Vitality Blast Matches.

Excluding fixtures televised by Sky Sports, Kent Spitfires' remaining home T20 matches will be streamed in the same high quality. Each match will be priced at £5.99. Home and away supporters will be able to purchase each match individually using a secure on-line payment system.

The improved stream is included in all 2023 Kent Cricket Memberships and Life Memberships. [Members simply need to register for a free KentCricketPlay account](#) to gain free access to all featured T20 matches. Please note: free access is included in Membership packages only and not Six Pack Ticket Bundles. The change from a paid-for account to a free Members' account will take place over the coming week.



Kent Cricket's CEO, Simon Storey, said: "The launch of KentCricketPlay is a ground-breaking step forward for us as we look to continue to offer our high-quality streams of untelevised home T20 matches whilst also opening up an exciting new potential revenue stream for the Club.

"There is no substitute to witnessing T20 cricket live at The Spitfire Ground, but this new pay-per-view service provides supporters unable to join us, and supporters around the world, with live access to the on-field action.

"With costs ever-increasing, this new platform will generate important additional revenue for the Club which will enable us to invest more funding into the development of the professional & recreational game in our county.

"The launch of KentCricketPlay is the next step in our ambition to grow the Kent Cricket brand at a local, national & global level."



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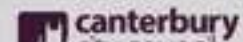
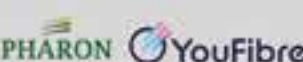
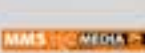
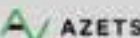
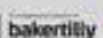
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